

Conrad Trucking Firm to Add 20 Employees By Andrew Geiger, (406) 841-2740 ageiger@mt.gov

Intercontinental Truck Body Continues to Grow

An important business in the Conrad area is receiving an influx of money to better train its workers and expand the business. Intercontinental Truck Body manufactures truck bodies for service businesses throughout the United States. "When you start talking about economic development you've got to ask yourself what's most important, and what we value is helping people get the job they need so that they can take care of their family and enjoy the best Montana has to offer," Governor Brian Schweitzer said. "Pondera County will always have a strong agricultural component, but this company brings value and economic diversity to the people of Conrad."

Commerce Director Tony Preite will be in Conrad on January 25th to present Intercontinental management with a grant for \$150,000 under the Workforce Investment Act to train approximately 20 new employees as well as existing workers. A separate Department of Commerce award of \$400,000 will go to Pondera County, which will make a low interest loan to Intercontinental Truck Body for working capitol. The interest paid back to the City and County over the course of the loan will be earmarked for further economic development activities in Pondera County. "The people of Conrad and the citizens of Montana are getting one heck of a return on their investment. With private investment plus these funds of \$550,000, Intercontinental Truck body is now able to fulfill a \$25,000,000 contract from the U.S. military," Preite explained.